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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Ryo Yamada

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Art Unit: 2633

For: RING CONFIGURATION METHOD,  
FAILURE RECOVERY METHOD, AND  
NODE ADDRESS ASSIGNMENT  
METHOD WHEN CONFIGURING RING  
IN NETWORK

Examiner: Shi K. Li

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

## FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

If checked, Small Entity status is claimed

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Total	12	MINUS	21**	=	0	X		\$
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First presentation of multiple dependent claim(s)					X			\$
TOTAL								\$ -0-

\* not less than 20

\*\* not less than 3

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## CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.